

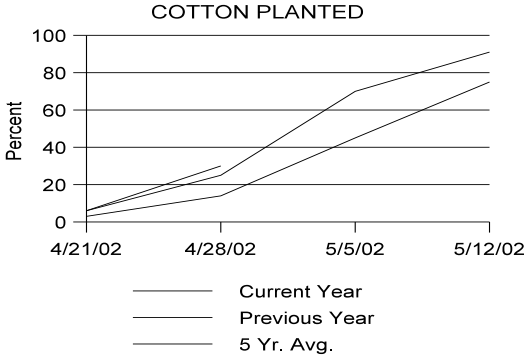
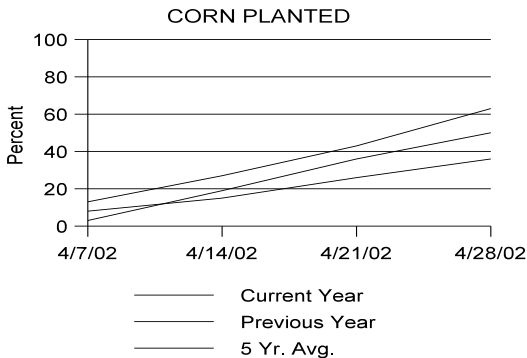
CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 28, 2002

Scattered showers fell throughout the region which improved topsoil moisture but slowed the progress of field work. Last weeks windy conditions hindered farmers spraying insecticide on their crops. Days suitable for field work were 0.0. Pastures have been progressing rapidly throughout the past few weeks. Corn planting has got off to a great start. Vegetable planting progress slowly. Tobacco planting was underway. Wheat and barley farmers sprayed insecticides on fields to control leaf beetles that have been spotted throughout the fields. Some strawberry operators opened late last week on a limited basis to start off their pick and pay season. Poultry farmers have been seriously effected by the Avain Flu, which has been linked to the elimination of serval flocks in the Commonwealth. Other activities for the week included preparing for the planting of soybeans, scouting fields for insects and keeping up with news on the Avain Flu and farm bill.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
April 28	2	20	68	10
April 21	3	30	61	6
April 14	4	33	58	5
April 7	4	25	68	3
March 31	4	23	69	4

CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	4	16	38	36	6
Livestock	0	4	23	64	9
Winter Wheat	3	15	35	40	7
Barley	5	17	37	38	3
Other Hay	5	15	43	31	6
Alfalfa Hay	1	8	42	41	8
Tobacco Greenhouse	0	0	10	69	21
Tobacco Plantbeds	0	0	25	70	5
Apples	1	9	29	60	1
Peaches	21	10	47	21	1
Summer Potatoes	0	0	30	50	20

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn for Grain Planted	63	43	50	36
Corn Emerged	44	NA	NA	2
Winter Wheat Headed	51	21	NA	NA
Cotton Planted	30	6	25	14
Peanuts Planted	14	4	7	5
Flue Cured Tobacco Transplanted	13	1	2	1
Soybeans Planted	2	NA	1	1



WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 28, 2002

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
Blacksburg	85	30	56	3	0.00	-0.85	0
Bremo Bluff	90	29	61	3	0.04	-0.70	1
Burkes Garden	81	23	52	2	0.00	-0.90	0
Camp Pickett	85	35	59	2	0.55	-0.19	2
Chatham	84	30	57	1	0.99	0.14	2
Dale Enterprise	86	29	56	0	0.01	-0.63	1
Danville AG	86	38	62	2	0.88	0.11	2
Floyd	80	26	54	0	0.15	-0.69	1
Free Union	89	33	60	1	0.00	-0.88	0
Glasgow	88	34	61	3	0.03	-0.68	1
Hillsville	84	30	57	3	0.00	-0.85	0
Lake Of The Woods	90	34	61	5	0.15	-0.65	1
Lynchburg	85	32	60	2	0.00	-0.77	0
Mount Weather	83	38	59	7	0.05	-0.83	2
Norfolk	86	42	62	3	0.64	-0.09	2
Piedmont Rsrch. Stat.	87	38	62	5	0.00	-0.80	0
Pulaski	82	30	57	3	0.00	-0.72	0
Richlands	84	31	57	7	0.06	-0.84	1
Richmond	86	37	62	2	0.63	-0.09	2
Roanoke	88	35	63	5	0.00	-0.81	0
Saltville	86	30	57	3	0.05	-0.87	2
Somerset	88	31	61	5	0.00	-0.80	0
Staunton	86	32	59	5	0.00	-0.71	0
Stuart	84	34	62	4	0.00	-0.98	0
The Plains	87	28	57	1	0.06	-0.75	1
Washington Dulles	88	32	61	6	0.00	-0.77	0
Waynesboro	84	30	56	2	0.00	-0.71	0
Winchester	87	28	57	3	0.01	-0.76	1
Woodstock	89	31	57	0	0.03	-0.63	2
Wytheville	83	29	55	2	0.06	-0.74	1

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.

Precipitation Days=Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.